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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IT

SUBJ: REPORTED OIL DISCOVERY IN STRAIT OF SICILY

REF: PALERMO 614

RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH NATHAN OF ENI PLANNING OFFICE AND D'AGOSTINO OF AGIP MINERARIA CONFIRM INFO ON NILDE 2 REPORTED REFTEL. NILDE 2 IS AN EXPLORATORY WELL IN ZONE C. IT IS SITUATED APPROXIMATELY 60 KM SOUTHWEST OF THE TOWN OF MARSALA, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN TIP OF SICILY. THE WELL, 1600 METERS IN DEPTH, WAS DRILLED IN WATERS OF A DEPTH OF 100 METERS. ALTHOUGH D'AGOSTINO BELIEVED FIND WOULD BE COMMERCIALY EXPLOITABLE, SEISMIC SURVEYS INDICATE THAT THE FIND IS NOT TOO LARGE--CERTAINLY NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY A PIPELINE CONNECTION TO THE MAINLAND. MORE WELLS ARE TO BE DRILLED TO DETERMINE SIZE OF RESERVE. D'AGOSTINO ADDED THAT TWO EARLIER "SHOWS" IN THE SAME AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS, ARE NOT COMMERCIALY EXPLOITABLE.

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Message Attributes

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